TOWN OF WILSON WALKWAY
& BICYCLE TRAIL TO HARBOR
& GREENWOOD VETERANS MONUMENT

NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY APPLICATION

JULY 2011

Project Registration Number_____

Niagara River Greenway Commission
Consultation and Review Form

Type of Review Required: _____Mandatory Consultation

___x____Voluntary Review and/or Endorsement

PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name: Supervisor Joseph A. Jastrzemski

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State: New York Zip Code: 14172

Federal Id# 16-6002412 Charities Registration #_____

PROJECT TYPE

Check all that apply: ____ Environmental __x__ Cultural/Heritage __x__ Land or Water Public Access

__x__ Cultural__x__ Trail__x__Educational/Interpretive

__x__Waterfront or Land Based Development__x__ Signage

__x__ Recreational _____ Other

Project Name: Wilson Walkway & Bicycle Trail to Harbor & Greenwood Veterans Monument

Location: Park Street & Shore Drive

Site Address: Town of Wilson

State: New York Zip Code: 14172

Minor Civil Division(s): _____

County: Niagara

Project Proponent Property Interest (own, lease, easement or other): Town of Wilson owns the Town Roadway

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

1. Project Overview

We have a dangerous situation currently on Park Avenue in the Town of Wilson. Our new Greenwood Veterans Memorial, built with private money in 2007, is attracting large numbers of visitors to our area, and currently the only way to access the entrance to the Memorial is to walk in the street. In addition, there are several yacht clubs and marinas situated at Wilson Harbor with hundreds of docked boats, and the boaters and visitors walk along the side of Shore Drive on their way to the village center and to the harbor. Because of the serenity and beauty of the area, many recreational walkers and bicyclists also use these roads for exercise. The Town of Wilson plans to construct a 5 foot sidewalk from Route 18 down Park Street to the entrance of the Memorial Park, around Shore Drive to the entrance of the Harbor and from the Memorial to O'Connell Island, where another harbor and restaurant are located. We will be placing light bollards along the pathway to assist those using the walkway in the evening and plan to have Niagara Greenway signage in place along the route. If we obtain the necessary funding, we will start the project in the early spring of 2012, with a goal of having everything in place to accommodate the 2012 summer season. We feel that the addition of this walkway would greatly enhance the safety for our residents and visitors to the area, as well as for the school children who walk to the park on numerous occasions. The local Lions club will place trail signs along the route, noting special trees, wildlife habitat, and protected plants that grow along the area, as well as pointing out the historical points along the way.

2. Advancing the Niagara River Greenway Plan Vision

"The Niagara River Greenway is a world-class corridor of places, parks and landscapes that celebra6tes and interprets our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and heritage resources and provides access to and connections between these important resources while giving rise to economic opportunities for the region."

The Walkway will maximize the Niagara River Greenway vision by providing access from the well traveled Route 18 Seaway Trail to the renowned Lake Ontario waterfront of Wilson to visitors and residents, as well as creating a recreational walkway that traverses the unique natural fauna and flora of the area including a field full of trees and wild trillium. The interpretive signs we plan to place will point out the many points of interest along the walkway, including the Greenwood Veterans Memorial, and Greenwood Cemetery, which borders the walkway and holds many historical headstones dating back to the early 1800's. In addition, walking access to the Sunset Grille Restaurant on O'Connell Island should increase their business from tourists in the area.

- **PRINCIPLES**

  Accessibility ~ Situated along the Seaway Trail in the Town of Wilson, the Walkway will improve the accessibility of the boaters to the center of the Village of Wilson for their shopping in a safe manner and will allow visitors to the area to get to the harbor safely.

Ecological Integrity ~ The walkway will showcase the beauty of the trees, flora and fauna of this well kept area, and improve the vitality and integrity of the natural resources and wildlife habitats along the way through retaining the natural landscape leading down to the water.

Public Well-Being ~ A walk in the woods will provide a much needed place to get away from it all offering access to historic grounds and beautiful waterways. The safety factor is an important reason for the project, as currently people are walking in the roadway on a curving street with limited visibility.

Community Based ~ We have the support of the Town Supervisor and the Town Board, the Boy Scout troops, the local Lions club and all of the local community. In addition, all of the yacht clubs and marinas in the area have given us their full support.

- **GOALS**

Improve Access – Implementation of this project will improve current access to the Wilson Waterfront in two separate locations, and allow interested parties safe accessibility to the Greenwood Cemetery, the Greenwood Veterans Monument and a beautiful recreational walking space, including a waterfront restaurant**.**

Make Connections – Connection will be made for residents and tourists between the Seaway Trail and the Wilson Waterfront and several yacht clubs, continuing the connection of the Niagara Waterways to Lake Ontario.

Protect Environmental Systems – Drainage work will be done at the time of installation of the walkway and will help protect the environmental aspect of the area.

Celebrate History and Heritage – The addition of a walkway that leads to the Greenwood Cemetery and the Greenwood Veterans Monument will help those that are interested in genealogy and the history of our town to pursue their studies. Phase II of this project would include reconstruction of the Red Bridge which use to connect the harbor to Wilson Tuscarora State Park.

- **CRITERIA**

Priority Status ~ Discussions have been in the works for several months to make this area more accessible to the many visitors there and to expand the entrance to the waterfront.

Focus Area ~ This project will have a local and regional impact on the region due to the interest in historical tours and health related walks.

Environmental Soundness ~ The plan will include addressing the need to provide proper care of the trees and plant life in the area and any areas disturbed during implementation will be restored to their original condition.

Implementable – Proposals have been requested for the construction costs of the project. The Town of Wilson Highway department will provide the necessary equipment and necessary manpower to develop and maintain this project and community partnerships are being created to make sure there are many groups and individuals with a stake in seeing this project to fruition.

Clear Benefits ~ The Town of Wilson Walkway to the Harbor will provide a clear benefit to all those who use it to access the waterfront, the Veterans Memorial, Greenwood Cemetery and those wishing to "get away from it all" and should enhance tourism and the visitors experience for those traveling the Seaway Trail.

3. **Budget**

The Town of Wilson has received the following quotes for service on the Walkway:

Planning $ __-0-_____

Construction $ 87,760.00 _____

Acquisition $ _11,590 for 100 light bollards_____

Administration $ ____-0-_____

Operation and Maintenance / Year $1,500 by Town Highway Dept.

TOTAL PROJECT COST $ _100,850.00_____

The Town of Wilson will be responsible for preparing the ground for the sidewalk and the necessary trenching/push for the electrical connections at a cost of approximately $14,500 of in kind services

NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY FUNDS REQUEST $86,350.00

4. **Community and Government Support**

The Wilson Town Board authorized the Supervisor to apply for Greenway funding for installation of a sidewalk on Park Street to the harbor on May 5th, 2011. The Town of Wilson Highway Department will assist with the removal of trees in the walkway area, and with the restoration of the area after the walkway work has been finished. Local Boy Scout Troops and Lions club members will assist with placing interpretive signs along the walkway pointing out the various historical and environmental sites. The Walkway and the Phase II Red Bridge Project are both included in the Town of Wilson Master Plan nearing completion. In addition, we have received the support of Senator George Maziarz, Assemblyman John Ceretto, Niagara County Legislator David Godfrey and the Village of Wilson, as well as all of the local marinas and yacht clubs.

5. **Existing Conditions and Project Implementation.**

The property is currently owned by the Town of Wilson. We are not aware of any rare, threatened or endangered wetlands, significant upland or aquatic habitats, and plant or animal species.

May 5, 2011

The Wilson Town Board held a Special Meeting and Workshop Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall.

The following people were present:

Supervisor	Joseph A. Jastrzemski
Councilmen	Brad Clark
	James Muscoreil
	Jon Munnikuhysen
	Thomas Thompson
Highway Superintendent	Daniel Kerwin
Building Inspector	Lawrence Banks

Mr. Jastrzemski introduced Dawn M. Timm, Niagara County Public Works, Environmental Division, who discussed cost effective solid waste management strategies for the Town of Wilson.

A Resolution was offered by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Muscoreil and unanimously adopted, the Supervisor be authorized to apply for Greenway Funding for installation of a sidewalk on Park Street to the harbor.

The Board discussed the request of the Town Justices to purchase a Linear copy machine Model LD 117 at a cost of $1570.

The Board also discussed Roger Mawhiney's request to move the town waterline on his property to allow for expansion of one of his buildings. It was the general feeling of the Board that Mr. Mawhiney could use his own licensed engineer to prepare the necessary drawings. Mr. Kerwin noted that Mr. Mawhiney would pay all expenses related to the project. Mr. Kerwin expressed his concerns about the waterline that runs through the creek on the Mawhiney property and how difficult it would be to repair should a problem occur there. No shut off valve was ever installed at this location and Mr. Kerwin thought this might be the appropriate time to do that.

The Board discussed the following:
Proclamation in support of safe boating.
Donation to this year's Wilson Motorcycle Rally
Sealing and striping the Town Hall parking lot
Wilson Historical Society's request to use the Town Hall parking lot and our Town Constable for this year's Memorial Day Fair, May 30, 2011
Wilson Historical Society funding

Mr. Jastrzemski reported on the Emergency Town Board Meeting held Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Greenwood Cemetery to inspect the devastation caused by the high wind storm Thursday, April 28, 2011 and to decide clean up action. At that meeting, Mr. Jastrzemski was given authorization to contract with the lowest bidder for clean up work.

The Supervisor told the Board Mohawk Tree Service estimated the cost of clean up to be somewhere around $40,000 to $50,000, and a call he made to Heritage Tree Service was not returned. Niagara Forestry, Timber Management, submitted an estimate of $8,500 to remove wood 8" in diameter and larger and remove brush with help from our Highway Department. Niagara Forestry's estimated cost did not include stump removal. Mr. Jastrzemski told the Board that he contracted with Niagara Forestry and they began work on Monday and provided the Town with an insurance certificate.

Assessor Dom Penale joined the meeting at this time and discussed his retirement plans.

Mr. Jastrzemski reported on his attendance at the High School Art Show and the Schooling Fish that were on display.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Munnikhuysen and unanimously carried, the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda E. Burrows
Town Clerk

Hy-Tech Concrete

Complete Concrete Contracting
P.O. Box 27
Newfane, NY 14108
Phone: (716)778-5499 Fax: (716)778-5988

May 13, 2011

Town of Wilson
375 Lake St.
Wilson, N.Y. 14172

Phone: 751-6691
Fax: 751-6993

Attention: Joe

We are pleased to offer you the following for your consideration:

Install walks from Rt.18 to Memorial Park, approximately 800 lineal feet x 5' wide.
Install walks from Memorial Park to entrance gate to Tuscarora Island, approx. 650 ln.ft. x 5'.
Install Walks from Memorial Park to entrance road to O'Connel Island, approx. 900 ln.ft. x 5'.

To include:
Grade existing dirt & compact
Add stone to grade & compact
Forming
4" – 4000 psi concrete
Wire mesh reinforcing.

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: (for above work only)

Seventy two thousand two hundred sixty and 00/100**********$72,260.00

Please Note: Above pricing does not include prevailing wage rate.

Payments are to be made as follows: 50% on start - Payments made on progress of work completed.

Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature:_____. Date of Acceptance:_____

Note: This proposal maybe withdrawn if not accepted within 30 days. Suitable truck access must be provided to the building site. Excavation assumes grade to be level. It does not include pumping of water, excavation of rock or over digging/additional excavation for unstable soils. Backfill to rough grade with excavated material does not include select fill around foundation or inside garage. Damage to concrete and/or blacktop drive, turf and/or landscaped areas leading up to and surrounding the construction site are sometimes unavoidable and we accept no responsibility. We will not be responsible for any leakage in concrete walls that are not waterproofed by a recognized professional. Installation in winter weather will require frost protection to foundation and floor to be supplied by others. Customer shall pay Hy-Tech Concrete any and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees which we may suffer, incur or become liable for by reason of any breach of this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Edward S. Pawlak
President

Proposal

To: Town of Wilson
375 Lake Street
Wilson, New York 14172
716-751-6709

From: M. H. Thilk Electric
4161 Chestnut Road
Wilson, New York 14172
716/751/6521

Date: 8-Jul-11

Subject: Park sidewalk lighting.

Option #1: 100 3 Tier Flourscent fixtures and posts. Lighting installed along 2000' of proposed sidewalk in the Veterans Park area.
Proposal includes installation of lighting with required conduit, wire breakers, photocells connected to exsisting service and electrical inspection.
Proposal does not include trenching or pushing the highway right of way.

Materials	$ 11,590.00
Labor	$ 1,000.00
Sub-total	$ 12,590.00
Sales Tax	$ -
Freight	$ -
Total	$ 12,590.00

Notes:
1) Proposal prices are protected for 30 days from proposal date.
2) Tax exemption forms are required to be filed to remove any applicable sales taxes.
3) Equipment orders require a 50% downpayment at the the time of order with the balance due upon delivery of equipment to the job site.

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Niagara River Greenway Commission
Beaver Island State Park
Grand Island, New York

July 11, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to submit this letter of support on behalf of the Town of Wilson's project for a Veterans Memorial Walkway.

It is our understanding that the project will improve the accessibility of lake boaters from the harbor to the village.

This is an outstanding project that will not only improve access, but will also address the environmental care of trees and plant life along the path.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

George D. Maziarz
NYS Senator – 62nd District

GDM/jww

THE LEGISLATURE
NIAGARA COUNTY

LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY
14th DISTRICT

July 08, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my formal support for the proposed Town of Wilson Greenway project which will provide a safe and scenic walkway and bike trail between the Harbor / Waterfront and the Downtown Area of Wilson.

Wilson and its renowned Harbor (the largest natural harbor on the south shore of Lake Ontario) is "the place to be" on a beautiful, sunny summer afternoon. This desperately needed enhancement will allow residence and visitors safe accessibility to the Greenwood Cemetery, the Greenwood Veterans Monument, and a beautiful recreational walking space to several harbor locations including waterfront restaurants.

With heritage tourism becoming quite popular in Niagara County, the economic prosperity of Wilson (and its' surrounding area) is surely being fueled by this marvelous, nostalgic area. And with the new Walkway, I firmly believe the Niagara River Greenway vision will be bolstered by providing access from the well-traveled Route 18 Seaway Trail to these tourist-focused attractions and the Lake Ontario waterfront.

I encourage you to do whatever you can to help keep this small part of our heritage "alive".

Respectfully,

David E. Godfrey

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STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

John Ceretto
Assemblyman 138th District

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Housing
Tourism, Parks Arts and Sports Development

July 11, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Please let this letter serve as clear indication of my support for the Town of Wilson Walkway to the Harbor. This is a commendable, needed project that is worthy of approval and investment from the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

I have spoken at length with leadership in Town of Wilson government and am completely satisfied that they have a well structured plan that demonstrates both the necessity to improved safety for pedestrians, as well as the benefits to the community, its citizens and the tourists Wilson attracts.

The Walkway to the Harbor upholds the very essence of the Greenway vision. This project will allow residents, visitors and tourists the ability to traverse the unique natural fauna and flora of the area, particularly the wild trillium. I've been assured that the walkway will also involve signage that makes pedestrians aware of many points of interest in the area, including the Greenwood Veterans Memorial and the Greenwood Cemetery; with all its history.

The Town of Wilson has become a destination for visitors with its gorgeous Harbor and esteemed Veterans Monument. Expanding access and improving safety are imperative steps for the Town to take in order to maximize the economic potential the Town holds.

The Niagara River Greenway Commission has the opportunity to uphold its vision by awarding funds to this well thought out plan. The Town of Wilson has demonstrated a plan that shows a clear purpose, a strong necessity and convincing benefits. I hope the Commission approves the funding for this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

John D. Ceretto
Member of Assembly
District 138

VILLAGE OF WILSON

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ONTARIO

Patrick D. Kelahan
Mayor

July 8, 2011

Niagara Greenway Commission
2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

To Whom It May Concern:

The Village of Wilson is writing this letter in support of the walkway going on Park Street. That area is dark with all the trees and the winding street. As the Village of Wilson we are thrilled to have more connection with the Village and that part of the harbor. With the Cemetery, Veteran's Park, the Harbor and Sunset Grill Restaurant there will be more easy access and activity in an area that was difficult and dangerous with the traffic. Any time we can have more accessibility to the beauty of Wilson is always appreciated by us and the tourists that come and visit.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to call this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Hibbard
Village Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Village Mayor Patrick Kelahan
Town Supervisor Joseph Jastrzemski

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The American Legion

A. Diane Muscoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Wilson
375 Lake Street, POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

July 13, 2011

RE: Niagara Greenway Commission Grant

Dear Ms. Muscoreil:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Town of Wilson which is seeking Niagara River Greenway Commission grant funds for a sidewalk on Park Street and around Shore Drive in the town. As Commander of American Legion Post #836 of Wilson, New York, it is very important to me that our area remain actively involved in improving our community.

The Martin F. Jennings Post #836 has a beautiful Veterans Memorial Park on Park Street adjacent to the historic Greenwood Cemetery. The Greenwood Veterans Memorial Park has ten flagpoles, a veterans' wall honoring those who served from Wilson spanning the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf War. This sidewalk, with the addition of crosswalks for pedestrians to the memorial at both sides of Shore Drive, will make it safer and easier to access the veterans' park. This Veterans Memorial has become a very special destination point for all the residents of Wilson, including field trips for the school children. It has also become a point of interest to our seasonal tourists who come to Wilson for the summer. The sidewalk would provide safer access to the yacht clubs and businesses in this area. This project would also enhance the beautiful wooded scenery and wildlife that abounds in this area.

Wilson has many businesses and attractions that depend on revenue from its tourists and many Canadian residents who fill the boat harbors during the summer season. Our recent Memorial Day Ceremony brought several dignitaries and many residents to the site. Therefore, the American Legion Post #836 fully supports this sidewalk project.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Pettit

Gary S. Pettit, Commander
American Legion Post #836

Phone: 716-751-9978

Island Yacht Club, Inc.

Fax: 716-433-2643

PO Box 333
Wilson, New York 14172

A. Diane Musoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
375 Lake St. POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

We at the Island Yacht club fully support the Town of Wilson requesting funds from the Niagara River Greenway Commission to build a sidewalk around Shore Drive in Wilson.

On this road there exists three yacht clubs, two marinas, a restaurant and a few homes. Also located here is the Veterans Memorial Park. This area has for many years been a concern. The boaters and other visitors, frequently walk or bike into the Village of Wilson, whether it be for ice cream at the corner, or to visit the stores, restaurants etc… that are offered in town.

This roadway is mostly a continuous curve with many areas with limited sight distance. People driving that are unfamiliar with the road come across walkers and bikers with little to no notice and there have been many close calls. There is no shoulder to the road for pedestrians to make there way safely.

Wilson Harbor is one of the prettiest harbors in Lake Ontario and is a popular destination for many visitors and boaters alike. We would encourage any improvement that would help with the economic growth of the area and help to keep our many visitors safe.

Thank you,

Charles Gauvreau
Island Yacht Club, Commodore

July 18th, 2011

A. Diane Muscoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Wilson
375 Lake St. POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

RE: Niagara River Greenway Commission Grant

Ms. Muscoreil,

As Commodore of the Tuscarora Yacht Club, located on Clark Island in Wilson Harbor, I have been authorized by our Board of Directors to enthusiastically support the attached application for a grant from the Niagara River Greenway Commission. We support the entire application, but draw attention especially to the need for safe walking access from our Club both to the Town of Wilson and also to the restaurant at O'Connell Island.

Our Club is visited by many boats from both the U.S. and Canada throughout the summer season. Many of these guests walk into Wilson to shop for supplies and to O'Connell Island for dinner and entertainment at its popular restaurant. A safe, well lit sidewalk would be a tremendous benefit. The walk back on the road, especially after dark, can be hazardous. For the safety of our members and our many visitors we would hope that the Commission grants this very worthy request.

Thank You,

William J. Maloney II
Commodore
Tuscarora Yacht Club
PO Box 826
Wilson, New York 14172-0826
Club House Phone: 716-751-9975
http://www.tycwilson.com

Wilson Yacht Club, Inc.
Treasure Island
PO Box 428
Wilson, NY 14172

A. Diane Muscoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Wilson
375 Lake St. POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

Dear Ms. Muscoreil,

The Wilson Yacht Club fully and enthusiastically endorses the Town of Wilson seeking Niagara River Greenway Commission grant funds to construct a lighted sidewalk around Shore Drive, exiting Park Avenue.

We offer this endorsement specific to the issue of access and safety. The area yacht clubs connected via Shore Drive have long shared concern about the safety of visitors (particularly children) unfamiliar with transiting this area. Boaters frequently walk or bicycle into the Village of Wilson and harbor area to shop for supplies and enjoy local food and entertainment. There have been many "close calls" between pedestrians and vehicles - particularly at night, as people are forced to walk in the street.

From the vehicle driver's perspective, the layout of Shore Drive (a nearly continuous curve) contains many obstructed views. Locals know where to expect visitors walking, but those who are less familiar are often distracted and surprised by oncoming traffic, private driveways and "walkers" that are not easily visible in advance. Shore Drive also lacks significant road shoulder for pedestrians to seek quick refuge from passing vehicles.

On Shore Drive alone, hundreds of vehicles enter and exit two marinas, three yacht clubs and a restaurant. When considering access to two additional popular restaurants and another marina (with several small shops) just off Route 18 toward the harbor entrance, these issues have recently been compounded by increased traffic to one of Wilson's new points of pride - the Veterans Memorial Park.

Wilson Harbor is a prime, repeat destination for Lake Ontario boaters. This proposed improvement will both enhance economic impact as well as safety for the many people who enjoy the harbor.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Stephens, Commodore
Wilson Yacht Club

Project Location

NORTH

Wilson Walkway

KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS – WILSON WALKWAY

1. Route 18 Looking North
2. Route 18 & Park Street
3. List of Businesses on Shore Drive/Dean Johnson Drive
4. Park Street
5. Park Street
6. Split of Shore Drive near Veteran's Monument
7. East side of Shore Drive
8. East Side of Shore Drive
9. End of East Sidewalk
10. Entrance to Tuscarora Yacht Club
11. Looking down Dean Johnson Drive Heading to Harbor
12. Beginning of Walk – West Shore Drive at Dean Johnson Drive
13. Making the Turn onto Shore Drive
14. Walkway Begins
15. West Shore Drive
16. West Shore Drive Continues
17. West Shore Drive Continues – Lions Monument Visible on Right
18. West Side Shore Drive Near Veterans Monument
19. End of West Side Walkway at Entrance to Veterans Park

A. Lions Monument West Side of Shore Drive
B. Veterans Monument Side Entrance
C. Greenwood Cemetery
D. Veteran's Memorial Park Front View
E. Sunset Bar & Grill
F. Sunset Bay Marina Dockage
G. Tuscarora Yacht Club Dockage
H. List of Businesses at Sunset Bay Marina
I. Photo of 2011 Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial
J. Moyer's Marina
K. Wilson Yacht Club
L. Island Yacht Club

Route 18 Looking North 1

Route 18 & Park Street 2

Park Street 3

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Park Street 4

Park Street 5

Split on Shore Drive 6

East Side Shore Drive 7

East Side Shore Drive 8

Entrance to Yacht Club/Harbor 10

Dean Johnson Drive Heading to Harbor 11

West Side Shore Dr. At Dean Johnson Dr. 12

Heading Up Dean Johnson Dr. toward Shore 13

Walkway Begins
West Side of Shore Drive 14

East Side Shore Drive ~ Tuscarora Yacht Club 9

Walkway Begins
West Side of Shore Drive 14

West Side Shore Drive 15

West Side Shore Dr. 16

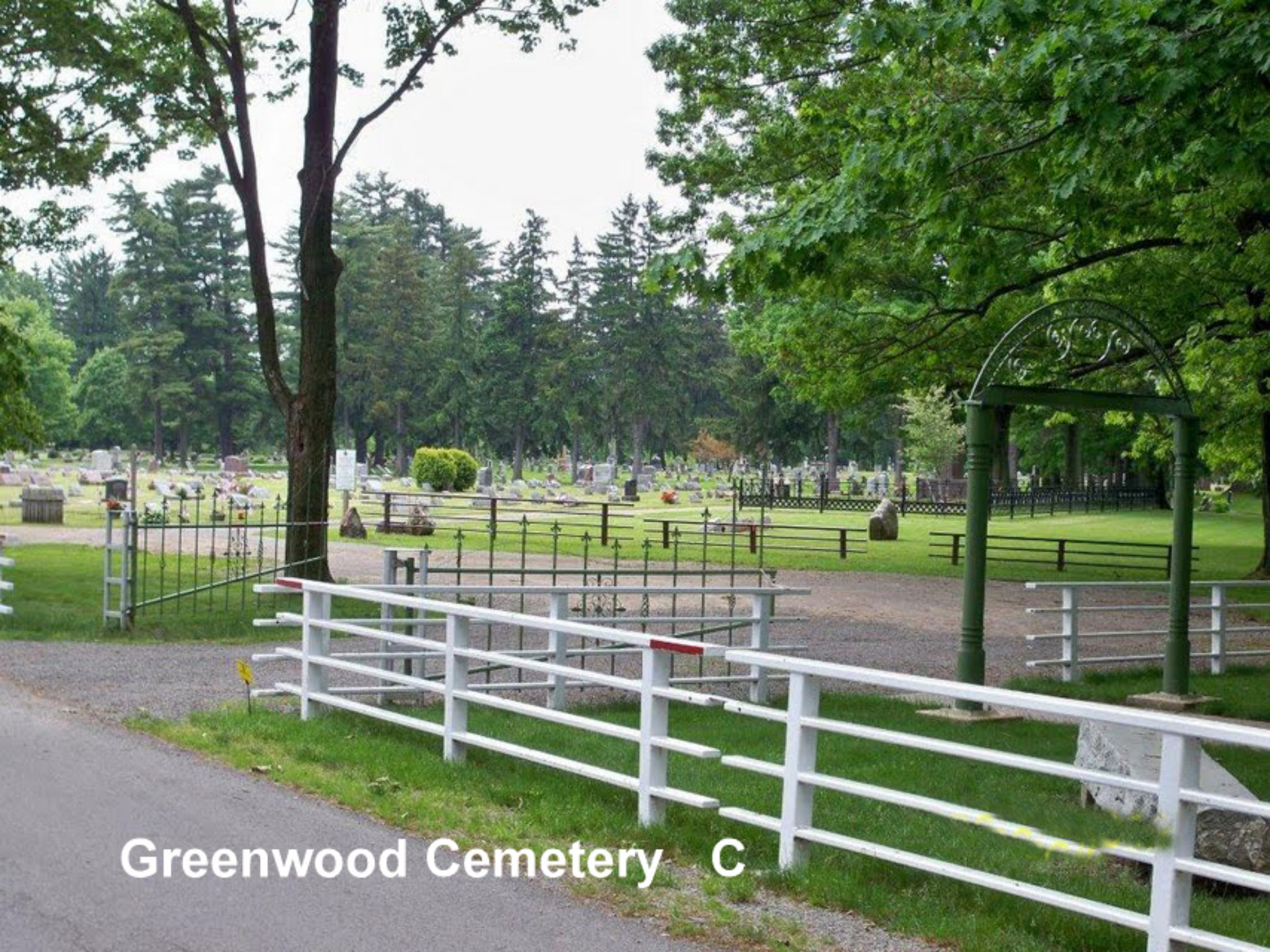
West Side Shore Drive 17

West Side Shore Drive 18

Walkway Ends
End of West Walkway 19

Lions Monument West Side of Shore Drive A

Veterans Monument Entrance B


Greenwood Cemetery C

Veterans Memorial Front View D

Sunset Bar & Grill E

Sunset Bay Marina Dockage F

Tuscarora Yacht Club Dockage G

Businesses at Sunset Bay Marina H

Memorial Day Celebration

Moyer's Marina J

Wilson Yacht Club K

Island Yacht Club L

Photo Key Plan

SCALE: 1"= 150'

NORTH

LEGEND:

1 DENOTES APPROPRIATE PHOTO NUMBER AND APPROXIMATE VIEWING ANGLE

Wilson Walkway

Area Plan

SCALE: 1"= 500'

NORTH

Wilson Walkway

Copy

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

1. Project Overview

We have a dangerous situation currently on Park Avenue in the Town of Wilson. Our new Greenwood Veterans Memorial, built with private money in 2007, is attracting large numbers of visitors to our area, and currently the only way to access the entrance to the Memorial is to walk in the street. In addition, there are several yacht clubs and marinas situated at Wilson Harbor with hundreds of docked boats, and the boaters and visitors walk along the side of Shore Drive on their way to the village center and to the harbor. Because of the serenity and beauty of the area, many recreational walkers and bicyclists also use these roads for exercise. The Town of Wilson plans to construct a 5 foot sidewalk from Route 18 down Park Street to the entrance of the Memorial Park, around Shore Drive to the entrance of the Harbor and from the Memorial to O'Connell Island, where another harbor and restaurant are located. We will be placing light bollards along the pathway to assist those using the walkway in the evening and plan to have Niagara Greenway signage in place along the route. If we obtain the necessary funding, we will start the project in the early spring of 2012, with a goal of having everything in place to accommodate the 2012 summer season. We feel that the addition of this walkway would greatly enhance the safety for our residents and visitors to the area, as well as for the school children who walk to the park on numerous occasions. The local Lions club will place trail signs along the route, noting special trees, wildlife habitat, and protected plants that grow along the area, as well as pointing out the historical points along the way.

2. Advancing the Niagara River Greenway Plan Vision

"The Niagara River Greenway is a world-class corridor of places, parks and landscapes that celebra6tes and interprets our unique natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and heritage resources and provides access to and connections between these important resources while giving rise to economic opportunities for the region."

The Walkway will maximize the Niagara River Greenway vision by providing access from the well traveled Route 18 Seaway Trail to the renowned Lake Ontario waterfront of Wilson to visitors and residents, as well as creating a recreational walkway that traverses the unique natural fauna and flora of the area including a field full of trees and wild trillium. The interpretive signs we plan to place will point out the many points of interest along the walkway, including the Greenwood Veterans Memorial, and Greenwood Cemetery, which borders the walkway and holds many historical headstones dating back to the early 1800's. In addition, walking access to the Sunset Grille Restaurant on O'Connell Island should increase their business from tourists in the area.

- **PRINCIPLES**

  Accessibility ~ Situated along the Seaway Trail in the Town of Wilson, the Walkway will improve the accessibility of the boaters to the center of the Village of Wilson for their shopping in a safe manner and will allow visitors to the area to get to the harbor safely.

Ecological Integrity ~ The walkway will showcase the beauty of the trees, flora and fauna of this well kept area, and improve the vitality and integrity of the natural resources and wildlife habitats along the way through retaining the natural landscape leading down to the water.

Public Well-Being ~ A walk in the woods will provide a much needed place to get away from it all offering access to historic grounds and beautiful waterways. The safety factor is an important reason for the project, as currently people are walking in the roadway on a curving street with limited visibility.

Community Based ~ We have the support of the Town Supervisor and the Town Board, the Boy Scout troops, the local Lions club and all of the local community. In addition, all of the yacht clubs and marinas in the area have given us their full support.

- **GOALS**

Improve Access – Implementation of this project will improve current access to the Wilson Waterfront in two separate locations, and allow interested parties safe accessibility to the Greenwood Cemetery, the Greenwood Veterans Monument and a beautiful recreational walking space, including a waterfront restaurant**.**

Make Connections – Connection will be made for residents and tourists between the Seaway Trail and the Wilson Waterfront and several yacht clubs, continuing the connection of the Niagara Waterways to Lake Ontario.

Protect Environmental Systems – Drainage work will be done at the time of installation of the walkway and will help protect the environmental aspect of the area.

Celebrate History and Heritage – The addition of a walkway that leads to the Greenwood Cemetery and the Greenwood Veterans Monument will help those that are interested in genealogy and the history of our town to pursue their studies. Phase II of this project would include reconstruction of the Red Bridge which use to connect the harbor to Wilson Tuscarora State Park.

- **CRITERIA**

Priority Status ~ Discussions have been in the works for several months to make this area more accessible to the many visitors there and to expand the entrance to the waterfront.

Focus Area ~ This project will have a local and regional impact on the region due to the interest in historical tours and health related walks.

Environmental Soundness ~ The plan will include addressing the need to provide proper care of the trees and plant life in the area and any areas disturbed during implementation will be restored to their original condition.

Implementable – Proposals have been requested for the construction costs of the project. The Town of Wilson Highway department will provide the necessary equipment and necessary manpower to develop and maintain this project and community partnerships are being created to make sure there are many groups and individuals with a stake in seeing this project to fruition.

Clear Benefits ~ The Town of Wilson Walkway to the Harbor will provide a clear benefit to all those who use it to access the waterfront, the Veterans Memorial, Greenwood Cemetery and those wishing to "get away from it all" and should enhance tourism and the visitors experience for those traveling the Seaway Trail.

3. **Budget**

The Town of Wilson has received the following quotes for service on the Walkway:

Planning $ __-0-_____

Construction $ 87,760.00 _____

Acquisition $ _11,590 for 100 light bollards_____

Administration $ ____-0-_____

Operation and Maintenance / Year $1,500 by Town Highway Dept.

TOTAL PROJECT COST $ _100,850.00_____

The Town of Wilson will be responsible for preparing the ground for the sidewalk and the necessary trenching/push for the electrical connections at a cost of approximately $14,500 of in kind services

NIAGARA RIVER GREENWAY FUNDS REQUEST $86,350.00

4. **Community and Government Support**

The Wilson Town Board authorized the Supervisor to apply for Greenway funding for installation of a sidewalk on Park Street to the harbor on May 5th, 2011. The Town of Wilson Highway Department will assist with the removal of trees in the walkway area, and with the restoration of the area after the walkway work has been finished. Local Boy Scout Troops and Lions club members will assist with placing interpretive signs along the walkway pointing out the various historical and environmental sites. The Walkway and the Phase II Red Bridge Project are both included in the Town of Wilson Master Plan nearing completion. In addition, we have received the support of Senator George Maziarz, Assemblyman John Ceretto, Niagara County Legislator David Godfrey and the Village of Wilson, as well as all of the local marinas and yacht clubs.

5. **Existing Conditions and Project Implementation.**

The property is currently owned by the Town of Wilson. We are not aware of any rare, threatened or endangered wetlands, significant upland or aquatic habitats, and plant or animal species.

May 5, 2011

The Wilson Town Board held a Special Meeting and Workshop Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall.

The following people were present:

Supervisor	Joseph A. Jastrzemski
Councilmen	Brad Clark
	James Muscoreil
	Jon Munnikuhysen
	Thomas Thompson
Highway Superintendent	Daniel Kerwin
Building Inspector	Lawrence Banks

Mr. Jastrzemski introduced Dawn M. Timm, Niagara County Public Works, Environmental Division, who discussed cost effective solid waste management strategies for the Town of Wilson.

A Resolution was offered by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Muscoreil and unanimously adopted, the Supervisor be authorized to apply for Greenway Funding for installation of a sidewalk on Park Street to the harbor.

The Board discussed the request of the Town Justices to purchase a Linear copy machine Model LD 117 at a cost of $1570.

The Board also discussed Roger Mawhiney's request to move the town waterline on his property to allow for expansion of one of his buildings. It was the general feeling of the Board that Mr. Mawhiney could use his own licensed engineer to prepare the necessary drawings. Mr. Kerwin noted that Mr. Mawhiney would pay all expenses related to the project. Mr. Kerwin expressed his concerns about the waterline that runs through the creek on the Mawhiney property and how difficult it would be to repair should a problem occur there. No shut off valve was ever installed at this location and Mr. Kerwin thought this might be the appropriate time to do that.

The Board discussed the following:
Proclamation in support of safe boating.
Donation to this year's Wilson Motorcycle Rally
Sealing and striping the Town Hall parking lot
Wilson Historical Society's request to use the Town Hall parking lot and our Town Constable for this year's Memorial Day Fair, May 30, 2011
Wilson Historical Society funding

Mr. Jastrzemski reported on the Emergency Town Board Meeting held Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Greenwood Cemetery to inspect the devastation caused by the high wind storm Thursday, April 28, 2011 and to decide clean up action. At that meeting, Mr. Jastrzemski was given authorization to contract with the lowest bidder for clean up work.

The Supervisor told the Board Mohawk Tree Service estimated the cost of clean up to be somewhere around $40,000 to $50,000, and a call he made to Heritage Tree Service was not returned. Niagara Forestry, Timber Management, submitted an estimate of $8,500 to remove wood 8" in diameter and larger and remove brush with help from our Highway Department. Niagara Forestry's estimated cost did not include stump removal. Mr. Jastrzemski told the Board that he contracted with Niagara Forestry and they began work on Monday and provided the Town with an insurance certificate.

Assessor Dom Penale joined the meeting at this time and discussed his retirement plans.

Mr. Jastrzemski reported on his attendance at the High School Art Show and the Schooling Fish that were on display.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Munnikhuysen and unanimously carried, the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda E. Burrows
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WILSON

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RESOLUTION

Guaranteeing the Town's maintenance of the Wilson Walkway and Bicycle Trail to the Harbor.

* * *

I, Wanda E. Burrows, Town Clerk of the Town of Wilson, do hereby certify the above to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Town of Wilson Town Board at a Special Meeting held Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

Wanda E. Burrows

Wanda E. Burrows, RMC, CMC

Hy-Tech Concrete

Complete Concrete Contracting
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May 13, 2011

Town of Wilson
375 Lake St.
Wilson, N.Y. 14172

Phone: 751-6691
Fax: 751-6993

Attention: Joe

We are pleased to offer you the following for your consideration:

Install walks from Rt.18 to Memorial Park, approximately 800 lineal feet x 5' wide.
Install walks from Memorial Park to entrance gate to Tuscarora Island, approx. 650 ln.ft. x 5'.
Install Walks from Memorial Park to entrance road to O'Connel Island, approx. 900 ln.ft. x 5'.

To include:
Grade existing dirt & compact
Add stone to grade & compact
Forming
4" – 4000 psi concrete
Wire mesh reinforcing.

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: (for above work only)

Seventy two thousand two hundred sixty and 00/100**********$72,260.00

Please Note: Above pricing does not include prevailing wage rate.

Payments are to be made as follows: 50% on start - Payments made on progress of work completed.

Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature:_____. Date of Acceptance:_____

Note: This proposal maybe withdrawn if not accepted within 30 days. Suitable truck access must be provided to the building site. Excavation assumes grade to be level. It does not include pumping of water, excavation of rock or over digging/additional excavation for unstable soils. Backfill to rough grade with excavated material does not include select fill around foundation or inside garage. Damage to concrete and/or blacktop drive, turf and/or landscaped areas leading up to and surrounding the construction site are sometimes unavoidable and we accept no responsibility. We will not be responsible for any leakage in concrete walls that are not waterproofed by a recognized professional. Installation in winter weather will require frost protection to foundation and floor to be supplied by others. Customer shall pay Hy-Tech Concrete any and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees which we may suffer, incur or become liable for by reason of any breach of this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Edward S. Pawlak
President

Proposal

To: Town of Wilson
375 Lake Street
Wilson, New York 14172
716-751-6709

From: M. H. Thilk Electric
4161 Chestnut Road
Wilson, New York 14172
716/751/6521

Date: 8-Jul-11

Subject: Park sidewalk lighting.

Option #1: 100 3 Tier Flourscent fixtures and posts. Lighting installed along 2000' of proposed sidewalk in the Veterans Park area.
Proposal includes installation of lighting with required conduit, wire breakers, photocells connected to exsisting service and electrical inspection.
Proposal does not include trenching or pushing the highway right of way.

Materials	$ 11,590.00
Labor	$ 1,000.00
Sub-total	$ 12,590.00
Sales Tax	$ -
Freight	$ -
Total	$ 12,590.00

Notes:
1) Proposal prices are protected for 30 days from proposal date.
2) Tax exemption forms are required to be filed to remove any applicable sales taxes.
3) Equipment orders require a 50% downpayment at the the time of order with the balance due upon delivery of equipment to the job site.

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Niagara River Greenway Commission
Beaver Island State Park
Grand Island, New York

July 11, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to submit this letter of support on behalf of the Town of Wilson's project for a Veterans Memorial Walkway.

It is our understanding that the project will improve the accessibility of lake boaters from the harbor to the village.

This is an outstanding project that will not only improve access, but will also address the environmental care of trees and plant life along the path.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

George D. Maziarz
NYS Senator – 62nd District

GDM/jww

THE LEGISLATURE
NIAGARA COUNTY

LEGISLATOR DAVID E. GODFREY
14th DISTRICT

July 08, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my formal support for the proposed Town of Wilson Greenway project which will provide a safe and scenic walkway and bike trail between the Harbor / Waterfront and the Downtown Area of Wilson.

Wilson and its renowned Harbor (the largest natural harbor on the south shore of Lake Ontario) is "the place to be" on a beautiful, sunny summer afternoon. This desperately needed enhancement will allow residence and visitors safe accessibility to the Greenwood Cemetery, the Greenwood Veterans Monument, and a beautiful recreational walking space to several harbor locations including waterfront restaurants.

With heritage tourism becoming quite popular in Niagara County, the economic prosperity of Wilson (and its' surrounding area) is surely being fueled by this marvelous, nostalgic area. And with the new Walkway, I firmly believe the Niagara River Greenway vision will be bolstered by providing access from the well-traveled Route 18 Seaway Trail to these tourist-focused attractions and the Lake Ontario waterfront.

I encourage you to do whatever you can to help keep this small part of our heritage "alive".

Respectfully,

David E. Godfrey

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THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
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John Ceretto
Assemblyman 138th District

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Tourism, Parks Arts and Sports Development

July 11, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Please let this letter serve as clear indication of my support for the Town of Wilson Walkway to the Harbor. This is a commendable, needed project that is worthy of approval and investment from the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

I have spoken at length with leadership in Town of Wilson government and am completely satisfied that they have a well structured plan that demonstrates both the necessity to improved safety for pedestrians, as well as the benefits to the community, its citizens and the tourists Wilson attracts.

The Walkway to the Harbor upholds the very essence of the Greenway vision. This project will allow residents, visitors and tourists the ability to traverse the unique natural fauna and flora of the area, particularly the wild trillium. I've been assured that the walkway will also involve signage that makes pedestrians aware of many points of interest in the area, including the Greenwood Veterans Memorial and the Greenwood Cemetery; with all its history.

The Town of Wilson has become a destination for visitors with its gorgeous Harbor and esteemed Veterans Monument. Expanding access and improving safety are imperative steps for the Town to take in order to maximize the economic potential the Town holds.

The Niagara River Greenway Commission has the opportunity to uphold its vision by awarding funds to this well thought out plan. The Town of Wilson has demonstrated a plan that shows a clear purpose, a strong necessity and convincing benefits. I hope the Commission approves the funding for this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

John D. Ceretto
Member of Assembly
District 138

VILLAGE OF WILSON

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ONTARIO

Patrick D. Kelahan
Mayor

July 8, 2011

Niagara Greenway Commission
2136 West Oakfield Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

To Whom It May Concern:

The Village of Wilson is writing this letter in support of the walkway going on Park Street. That area is dark with all the trees and the winding street. As the Village of Wilson we are thrilled to have more connection with the Village and that part of the harbor. With the Cemetery, Veteran's Park, the Harbor and Sunset Grill Restaurant there will be more easy access and activity in an area that was difficult and dangerous with the traffic. Any time we can have more accessibility to the beauty of Wilson is always appreciated by us and the tourists that come and visit.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to call this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Hibbard
Village Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Village Mayor Patrick Kelahan
Town Supervisor Joseph Jastrzemski

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The American Legion

A. Diane Muscoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Wilson
375 Lake Street, POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

July 13, 2011

RE: Niagara Greenway Commission Grant

Dear Ms. Muscoreil:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Town of Wilson which is seeking Niagara River Greenway Commission grant funds for a sidewalk on Park Street and around Shore Drive in the town. As Commander of American Legion Post #836 of Wilson, New York, it is very important to me that our area remain actively involved in improving our community.

The Martin F. Jennings Post #836 has a beautiful Veterans Memorial Park on Park Street adjacent to the historic Greenwood Cemetery. The Greenwood Veterans Memorial Park has ten flagpoles, a veterans' wall honoring those who served from Wilson spanning the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf War. This sidewalk, with the addition of crosswalks for pedestrians to the memorial at both sides of Shore Drive, will make it safer and easier to access the veterans' park. This Veterans Memorial has become a very special destination point for all the residents of Wilson, including field trips for the school children. It has also become a point of interest to our seasonal tourists who come to Wilson for the summer. The sidewalk would provide safer access to the yacht clubs and businesses in this area. This project would also enhance the beautiful wooded scenery and wildlife that abounds in this area.

Wilson has many businesses and attractions that depend on revenue from its tourists and many Canadian residents who fill the boat harbors during the summer season. Our recent Memorial Day Ceremony brought several dignitaries and many residents to the site. Therefore, the American Legion Post #836 fully supports this sidewalk project.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Pettit

Gary S. Pettit, Commander
American Legion Post #836

Phone: 716-751-9978

Island Yacht Club, Inc.

Fax: 716-433-2643

PO Box 333
Wilson, New York 14172

A. Diane Musoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
375 Lake St. POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

We at the Island Yacht club fully support the Town of Wilson requesting funds from the Niagara River Greenway Commission to build a sidewalk around Shore Drive in Wilson.

On this road there exists three yacht clubs, two marinas, a restaurant and a few homes. Also located here is the Veterans Memorial Park. This area has for many years been a concern. The boaters and other visitors, frequently walk or bike into the Village of Wilson, whether it be for ice cream at the corner, or to visit the stores, restaurants etc… that are offered in town.

This roadway is mostly a continuous curve with many areas with limited sight distance. People driving that are unfamiliar with the road come across walkers and bikers with little to no notice and there have been many close calls. There is no shoulder to the road for pedestrians to make there way safely.

Wilson Harbor is one of the prettiest harbors in Lake Ontario and is a popular destination for many visitors and boaters alike. We would encourage any improvement that would help with the economic growth of the area and help to keep our many visitors safe.

Thank you,

Charles Gauvreau
Island Yacht Club, Commodore

July 18th, 2011

A. Diane Muscoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Wilson
375 Lake St. POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

RE: Niagara River Greenway Commission Grant

Ms. Muscoreil,

As Commodore of the Tuscarora Yacht Club, located on Clark Island in Wilson Harbor, I have been authorized by our Board of Directors to enthusiastically support the attached application for a grant from the Niagara River Greenway Commission. We support the entire application, but draw attention especially to the need for safe walking access from our Club both to the Town of Wilson and also to the restaurant at O'Connell Island.

Our Club is visited by many boats from both the U.S. and Canada throughout the summer season. Many of these guests walk into Wilson to shop for supplies and to O'Connell Island for dinner and entertainment at its popular restaurant. A safe, well lit sidewalk would be a tremendous benefit. The walk back on the road, especially after dark, can be hazardous. For the safety of our members and our many visitors we would hope that the Commission grants this very worthy request.

Thank You,

William J. Maloney II
Commodore
Tuscarora Yacht Club
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Wilson, New York 14172-0826
Club House Phone: 716-751-9975
http://www.tycwilson.com

Wilson Yacht Club, Inc.
Treasure Island
PO Box 428
Wilson, NY 14172

A. Diane Muscoreil
1st Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Wilson
375 Lake St. POB 537
Wilson, NY 14172

Dear Ms. Muscoreil,

The Wilson Yacht Club fully and enthusiastically endorses the Town of Wilson seeking Niagara River Greenway Commission grant funds to construct a lighted sidewalk around Shore Drive, exiting Park Avenue.

We offer this endorsement specific to the issue of access and safety. The area yacht clubs connected via Shore Drive have long shared concern about the safety of visitors (particularly children) unfamiliar with transiting this area. Boaters frequently walk or bicycle into the Village of Wilson and harbor area to shop for supplies and enjoy local food and entertainment. There have been many "close calls" between pedestrians and vehicles - particularly at night, as people are forced to walk in the street.

From the vehicle driver's perspective, the layout of Shore Drive (a nearly continuous curve) contains many obstructed views. Locals know where to expect visitors walking, but those who are less familiar are often distracted and surprised by oncoming traffic, private driveways and "walkers" that are not easily visible in advance. Shore Drive also lacks significant road shoulder for pedestrians to seek quick refuge from passing vehicles.

On Shore Drive alone, hundreds of vehicles enter and exit two marinas, three yacht clubs and a restaurant. When considering access to two additional popular restaurants and another marina (with several small shops) just off Route 18 toward the harbor entrance, these issues have recently been compounded by increased traffic to one of Wilson's new points of pride - the Veterans Memorial Park.

Wilson Harbor is a prime, repeat destination for Lake Ontario boaters. This proposed improvement will both enhance economic impact as well as safety for the many people who enjoy the harbor.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Stephens, Commodore
Wilson Yacht Club

Project Location

NORTH

Wilson Walkway

KEY TO PHOTOGRAPHS – WILSON WALKWAY

1. Route 18 Looking North
2. Route 18 & Park Street
3. List of Businesses on Shore Drive/Dean Johnson Drive
4. Park Street
5. Park Street
6. Split of Shore Drive near Veteran's Monument
7. East side of Shore Drive
8. East Side of Shore Drive
9. End of East Sidewalk
10. Entrance to Tuscarora Yacht Club
11. Looking down Dean Johnson Drive Heading to Harbor
12. Beginning of Walk – West Shore Drive at Dean Johnson Drive
13. Making the Turn onto Shore Drive
14. Walkway Begins
15. West Shore Drive
16. West Shore Drive Continues
17. West Shore Drive Continues – Lions Monument Visible on Right
18. West Side Shore Drive Near Veterans Monument
19. End of West Side Walkway at Entrance to Veterans Park

A. Lions Monument West Side of Shore Drive
B. Veterans Monument Side Entrance
C. Greenwood Cemetery
D. Veteran's Memorial Park Front View
E. Sunset Bar & Grill
F. Sunset Bay Marina Dockage
G. Tuscarora Yacht Club Dockage
H. List of Businesses at Sunset Bay Marina
I. Photo of 2011 Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial
J. Moyer's Marina
K. Wilson Yacht Club
L. Island Yacht Club

Route 18 Looking North 1

Route 18 & Park Street 2

Park Street 3

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Park Street 4

Park Street 5

Split on Shore Drive 6

East Side Shore Drive 7

East Side Shore Drive 8

East Side Shore Drive ~ Tuscarora Yacht Club 9

Entrance to Yacht Club/Harbor 10

Dean Johnson Drive Heading to Harbor 11

West Side Shore Dr. At Dean Johnson Dr. 12

Heading Up Dean Johnson Dr. toward Shore 13

Walkway Begins
West Side of Shore Drive 14

West Side Shore Drive 15

West Side Shore Dr. 16

West Side Shore Drive 17

West Side Shore Drive 18

Walkway Ends
End of West Walkway 19

Lions Monument West Side of Shore Drive A

Veterans Monument Entrance B

Greenwood Cemetery C

Veterans Memorial Front View D

Sunset Bar & Grill E

Sunset Bay Marina Dockage F

Tuscarora Yacht Club Dockage G

Businesses at Sunset Bay Marina H

Memorial Day Celebration

Moyer's Marina J

Wilson Yacht Club K

Island Yacht Club L

Photo Key Plan

SCALE: 1"= 150'

NORTH

LEGEND:

1 DENOTES APPROPRIATE PHOTO NUMBER AND APPROXIMATE VIEWING ANGLE

Wilson Walkway

Area Plan

SCALE: 1"= 500'

NORTH

Wilson Walkway

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